Who is the Captain?



Determining the Captain

- In every bidding sequence, there is a team captain.
- The captain will be the person who knows the total values of the partnership first.
- Most of the time it is the responder, but not always.
 - The captain determines how high the partnership can go.
 - And what the contract (suit or no trump) will be.

North 1 ♦ 3 ♦	East pass pass	South 2nt 5 •	West pass all pass
10 9Q 9310 9	6 4 2		QJ83 10 AK108 J
			AJ75 Q92

♣ A 9

When you're the captain, and you have a big hand, take it slow.

◆ 5 4 2

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Y K 8 3

→ J 6

♣ K 8 4 3 2

North 2 ♣ 2nt	East pass pass	2 •	West pass all pass	T) de
10 510 99 7		♥ A ♦ K		
♣ 8 7 4	1	♥ C ♦ A	97 Q52 Q532	

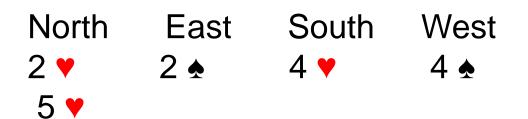
The captain must do the math.

◆ 9 4 2

v 8 5 4 3

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♣ A 6



When you open a weak-two bid, let partner be captain.

North's hand

- **♠** 6
- AKJ974
- ♦ J 4
- ♣ 10 9 7 3

North	East	South		Here South is
1 🍁	pass	1 ♠	pass	captain. Captain
1nt	pass	2 🏚	pass	says 2 spades is our
2 nt	all pass		•	max.

North's hand

- **♠** 6 2
- **Y** A K 10 9
- ♦ A J 4
- ♣ J 9 7 6

- **♠** A 10 9 5 4 3
- **9** 8
- 10 7 3
- ♣ Q 5 4

When you open 1 South West North East no trump, you make 1 nt 2 • pass pass partner the captain. 2 🏚 2 🔻 pass pass all pass 3 🔻

North's hand

- **♠** Q 10
- **Y** K 9 6 4
- ◆ A K 9 4
- ♣ A 7 6

- **★** 3 2
- A J 8 7 5
- 1073
- **♣** 10 5 4

North	East	South	West	The captain must
		1 ♦	pass	do the math.
1 ♥	pass	4 💙	pass	
pass	pass			

North's hand

- **★** K 10 8
- **∀** K J 4 3
- ♦ K 8 5 3
- ♣ A 6

- **A** A 6 4
- **Y**A964
- ♦ A Q J 7 2
- ♣ K

North	East	South
		1 🍨
1nt	pass	pass
	West's hard and a second with the second with	

South's hand

♠ A 9 6 5

♥ A K 6 3

♦ 5

♣ Q 10 5 2

North East South West ---- pass pass ??

North's hand

- **★** 4 2
- A K Q J 10 4
- ♦ A Q 3
- ♣ A K

- **★** J 7 6 3
- **y** 9 5
- **♦** 5 2
- ♣ Q 8 5 4 2

North East South West South shifts the 1nt pass 2nt pass captaincy to North. ??

North's hand

- **★** K J 7
- **♥** A K 9 5
- ♦ A 8
- ♣ 10 9 7 3

- **♠** Q 7 6
- **Y** 8 5
- ♦ K Q 5 2
- ♣ J 8 5 4

North East South West South bids 2 nt, 1 ◆ pass ?? makes North captain.

North's hand

- **♠** A 9
- **♥** A 9 5
- ◆ A K 9 8 7 6
- ♣ 10 9

- **♠** Q 7 6
- **Y** 8 5
- ♦ Q 10 2
- **♣** A K J 8 5

North	East	South	West
1 ♥	pass	2 nt	pass
3 🍁	pass	??	

South bids 2 nt, North shows a short suit, South is captain.

North's hand

- **★** K 9 4
- **♥** A J 9 5 3
- ♦ A Q 10 6
- **4** 9

- **♠** Q 7 6
- **Y** K Q 8 2
- ♦ K 4 2
- ♣ K J 4

North East South West 1 ♥ pass 2 ♥ pass ??

North is captain, but North needs more information.

North's hand

- **♠** A 9
- AQ9753
- ♦ A Q 10 6
- **♣** 9

- **★**876
- ▼ K J 8 2
- ♦ K 4 2
- ♣ K 8 4

North East South West 2 ★ dble 3 ★ 3 ♥ ??

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North's hand

★AQJ983

♥ Q 9

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4 9

South's hand

★ K 10 2

Y K 8

→ J 9 3

♣ 10 8 5 4 3

North East South West

1 ♠ pass 3 ♦* pass

??

*4-card support 10-12 points

North's hand

★AQJ983

♥ Q 9

♦ K 10 7 5

4 9

South's hand

★ K 10 7 2

Y K 8

♦ J 9 3

♣ A 8 5 4

North East South West
1 ★ pass 3 ★* pass
??

*4-card support 10-12 points

North's hand

- **♠** A Q 9 8 3
- ♥ Q J
- ♦ K 10 7 5
- ♣ 9 7

- **★** K 10 7 2
- **Y** K 8
- ♦ J 9 3
- ♣ A 8 5 4